

Central of Georgia Railroad:  
Gray (Administration) Building  
227 W. Broad Street  
Savannah  
Chatham County  
Georgia

HABS No. GA-2168

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

STATE Georgia	COUNTY Chatham	TOWN OR VICINITY Savannah
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Central of Georgia Railroad <sup>Gray</sup> (Administration) Building (from HABS checklist) GA-2168		HABS NO.
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 227 West Broad Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1856 (HABS Catalog, Georgia)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) (from DeLony National Register Nomination) Unknown (attributed to Augustus Schwaab)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Component part of a large complex of mid-19th century railroad structures, which collectively constitute one of the oldest such facilities in the country. This building was the first permanent office building of The Central and Georgia RR and housed transportation and administrative offices. Good example of Greek Revival architecture.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 2 story; rectangular; 9 bays by 5 bays; flat/low slope roof; approx. 104"x58"		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE "... two-story-high Doric hexastyle portico, pilasters between bays, full entablature with widely spaced triglyphs around portico and building. Portico ceiling paneled, panel over entrance with design in color featuring monogram and date 1856." (p. 324, HABS Georgia Catalog)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Central Hall plan. Panelled board room on second story.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE As of February, 1978, building continued to serve as division offices for the Southern Railroad. Assumed condition: fair.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Linley, John. The Georgia Catalog, Historic American Buildings Survey, 1982. DeLony, Eric N. National Register Nomination Form for "Central of Georgia Railroad: Savannah Shops and Terminal Facilities," February 15, 1978. (Copy in HAER File "Central of Georgia Railroad: Savannah Repair Shops, 1853-1926, reference and photos")		
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